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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****SEP 09 2005****AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION****TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS:**

In response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 6 of this paper.**